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UNDER-UTILISATION OF PLAN EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has failed to utilise its plan expenditure fully in some schemes during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, scheme-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to utilise the funds fully?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): The total Budget Estimates for the Plan Schemes of the Ministry of Labour during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 were Rs.111.40 crore and Rs.98.00 crore respectively. Against this, the actual expenditure incurred was Rs.83.11 crore and Rs.84.00 crore respectively. A statement indicating Head-wise Budget Estimates & Expenditure for the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is enclosed.

The under utilisation of expenditure is mainly in schemes relating to employment & training, research & statistics and Welfare of SC/ST. The reasons for shortfall in Plan expenditure in these schemes are non-clearance of proposals for setting up of new centers & creation of posts and revival/recreation of posts lying vacant under existing centers/projects.

(c): There is a three-tier monitoring mechanism already under operation in the Ministry to review the pace and progress of expenditure. Under this mechanism, Secretary reviews the pace of expenditure in periodical meetings with the Divisional Headsand Financial Adviser and identifies the main bottlenecks and steps to overcome them This is followed by meetings taken by the Additional Secretary to examine the actual implementation of the decisions taken at the level of Secretary. Also, the Divisional Heads and Financial Adviser separately review individual cases. This practice of reviewing the pace and progress of plan expenditure at close and regular intervals at various levels has yielded good results and is being continued.